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SUBJECT: SUGGESTIONS FOR IVP VISITORS PROGRAM: RODOLFO PIZA ESCALANTE

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1. PIZA INTENDS TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON JULY 31  
ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE. MRS. PIZA WILL LIKELY CONTINUE  
ON TO NEW YORK WHERE SHE WILL  
STAY WITH FRIENDS UNTIL  
THE GRANTEE COMPLETES THE WASHINGTON PORTION OF HIS VISIT.  
SHE WILL THEN ACCOMPANY HIM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE VISIT  
AT THEIR EXPENSE. PIZA WILL NOT RPT NOT NEED AN INTERPRETER.

2. PIZA HAS BEEN MOST IMPRESSED WITH THE RESILIENCY OF  
THE US DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM AS IT HAS BEEN BUFFETED BY THE  
WATERGATE EPISODE. HE BELIEVES THAT A DEMOCRATIC  
SYSTEM WHICH CAN SUSTAIN SUCH TRIALS EMERGES THE  
STRONGER BECAUSE OF IT AND THAT THERE IS A LESSON IN  
THIS FOR THE COSTA RICAN SYSTEM, WHICH HAS HAD ITS  
OWN PROBLEMS BUT WHICH HAS, IN HIS VIEW, BEEN  
WEAKENED NOT STRENGTHENED BECAUSE OF THEM.

3. PIZA IS MOST INTERESTED IN A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING  
OF THE WATERGATE CONTROVERSY FROM ALL SIDES. CU'S  
PROGRAMMERS CAN JUDGE BETTER THAN WE IN SAN JOSE  
ABOUT PEOPLE AND OFFICES THAT PIZA SHOULD CONTACT,  
BUT SOME THAT NATURALLY OCCUR TO US ARE:  
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A. THE STAFF OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE;

B. THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF;  
C. SELECTED REPORTERS FROM THE "WASHINGTON POST;"  
D. THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR;  
E. SELECTED SENATORS' OFFICES SUCH AS SENATOR WEICKER;  
F. THE HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERS CONTEMPLATING THE  
IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS AND, CERTAINLY, INTERVIEWS WITH  
OFFICERS CONNECTED WITH THE SUPREME COURT AND, HOPEFULLY,  
AN INTERVIEW WITH ONE OF THE JUSTICES.  
PIZA HOPES THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS WILL BE MODERATE  
(NOT MORE THAN THREE PER DAY) PERMITTING HIM TO  
THOUGHTFULLY ABSORB THE ISSUES UNDER DISCUSSION.  
BEARING IN MIND THAT PIZA HIMSELF IS A PROMINENT  
COSTA RICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAWYER, THE EMBASSY  
WOULD APPRECIATE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET HIS SPECIFIC  
REQUESTS.

4. AFTER APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS IN WASHINGTON,  
DURING WHICH TIME HE WILL CARRY OUT ESSENTIALLY  
THE THRUST OF THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH, THE GRANTEE  
WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK (ESSENTIALLY ON  
TOURISM) AND ON TO BOSTON, WHERE HE WOULD  
APPRECIATE A TOUR OF THE HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. FROM BOSTON,  
HE IS INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO SAN FRANCISCO  
WHERE, AGAIN, HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT STANFORD  
LAW SCHOOL, AND TO SACRAMENTO, WHERE HE WOULD LIKE  
A VISIT TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE. IF TIME PERMITS,  
PIZA WOULD LIKE TO SEE AND MEET FARM WORKERS'  
REPRESENTATIVES IN CALIFORNIA. FROM SAN FRANCISCO/  
SACRAMENTO, PIZA IS INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO DALLAS OR  
HOUSTON, WHERE HE WOULD UNDERTAKE CULTURAL  
VISITS AS SUGGESTED BY HIS PROGRAMMERS.

5. AS PIZA WILL BE TRAVELING WITH HIS WIFE, MODEST  
DOUBLE-ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED.  
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